(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Adequate steps 'nave been taken by Archaeological Survey of India as per the recommendation of the Expert Committee to ensure structural stability and preservation of sculptured panel etc.

Setting up of Technology Mission by Railways

552. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new technology missions soon for the railways to develop its own technology for the future; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the progress about the 15 year corporate plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. RDSO has submitted its technology development plan in which five Missions have been identified for technology development:—

Mission I; To develop technology for operation of 4500 T freight services at double the existing average speeds on mixed traffic routes;

Mission II: To develop technology for operation of passenger services up to 160 kmph on mixed routes and 200 kmph on dedicated routes;

Mission III: To develop technology for heavy haul freight trains upto 1800 T trailing loads at 75 kmph;

Mission IV: To develop technology for upgradation of Metre Gauge systems covering passenger- and freight services and transhipment facilities; and

Mission V: To develop capacity for absorbing futuristic technologies.

(b) Indian Railways Corporate Plan 1985—2000 has been finalised and published.

Impounding of Shipping Corporation of India ship "Vishwa Nandin" by Bombay Customs

553. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO;
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vessel of the Shipping Corporation of India "Vishwa Nandini" was impounded by the Bombay Customs on charges of smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantities of narcotics and brown sugar were seized from the ship; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the crew, employees of a public sector undertaking, who have been engaging themselves in this anti-national activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. have referred to the Shipping Master, Bombay, cancellation of registration for employment of the 2 crew members who were found to be involved by the customs authorities.

तार विभाग द्वारा हड़ताल

554. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री रशीद मसूद :
श्री गुरुदास दास गुप्त :
श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में तार विभाग के अनेकों कर्मचारी

संगठनों ने कम्प्यूटर का प्रयोग किए जाने के विरुद्ध हड़ताल की ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस विभाग में कम्प्यूटर लाये जाने से पूर्व कर्मचारियों को विश्वास में लिया था ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन कर्मचारियों को कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग के कारण उनकी छंटनी होने के भय से मुक्त रहने का आश्वासन देने का विचार रखती है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) तार परियात स्टाफ ने 27-10-1987 को इसके विरोध में भूख हड़ताल की ।

(ख) तारों के हाथ से पारेषण में विलम्ब को कम करने के लिए बहुत कम संख्या में कम्प्यूटरों को चालू किया गया है । तार सेवा के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए एस एफ टी को प्रारंभ करने के लिए यूनियनों से विस्तार से बातचीत हुई है ।

(ग) लागू नहीं होता ।

(घ) यूनियनों को आश्वासन दिया गया है कि स्टाफ में कोई कांट छांट नहीं की जाएगी ।

Filling up of Vacant Posts in Urdu Taraqqi Board

555. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total sanctioned strength of the staff of Taraqqi Urdu Board;

(b) whether it is a fact that the following sanctioned posts of the staff of the Board are lying vacant; one Assistant Director, one Assistant Editor, two Research Officers, one Research Officer (Production), two Assistant Education Officers, two Evaluators, one Artist, two Research Assistants, one Technical Secretary, one Hindi Translator, one stenographer (Senior), one Production Assistant, two Proof Readers, one Hindi typist, one Urdu typist-cum-clerk;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not filling up of these posts;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the work of the Board has been suffering on this account; and

(e) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The total sanctioned strength of Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board (Bureau for Promotion of Urdu) is 73.

(b) to (e) Out of twenty posts in question, one post of Assistant Director, one post of Research Officer, one post of Stenographer (Senior) and one post of Production Assistant have been filled up. Posts of one Assistant Editor, one Research Officer (Production), two Assistant Education Officers, one Artist, two Research Assistants, one Hindi Translator, two Proof Readers and one Hindi typist have been are being circulated through UPSC|SSC. The post of Technical Secretary has been kept in abeyance. Recruitment rules for the two posts of Evalu ators and one post of Urdu typist are in the process of finalisation in consultation with the Department of Personnel [Ministry of Law & Justice|U.P.S.C.

In order to further accelerate the progress in the implementation of the programmes of B.P.U., necessary steps have already been taken by B.P.U.

Trifurcation of the Indian Telephone Industries

556. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Govern-